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REF: MOSCOW 19676

LENINGRAD KGB AUTHORITIES HAVE INCREASED THEIR PRESSURE
ON LOCAL REFUSENIKS NOT TO ATTEND THE MOSCOW SYMPOSIUM ON
JEWISH CULTURE. APPARENTLY ALL OF THOSE WHO WERE CON-
SIDERED CONNECTED WITH PLANS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM WERE CALLED
IN FOR INTERVIEWS WITH THE KGB BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND
SATURDAY. THOSE SUMMONED INCLUDE: ILYA
BEZPOZVANNIY, FNU BOGUSLAVSKIY, AND ABA TARATUTA.
YEVGENIY ABEZGAUZ REPORTED AUTHORITIES HAVE DELAYED HIS
PLANNED DECEMBER 22 DEPARTURE FOR ISRAEL FOR A FEW DAYS
TO PREVENT A PLANNED STOPOVER IN MOSCOW WHICH WOULD HAVE
COINCIDED WITH THE SYMPOSIUM. FOR TARATUTA, THE INTERVIEW
WAS THE SECOND WITHIN EIGHT DAYS. COMMENT: GIVEN THIS
PRESSURE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY LENINGRAD REFUSENIKS WILL
BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW FOR THE SYMPOSIUM EVEN IF
THEY SHOULD STILL BE SO INCLINED. END COMMENT.
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